

Director of Central Intelligence
Security Committee
Computer Security Subcommittee

23 January 1980
DCISEC-CSS-M128

1. The one hundred and twenty-eighth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee was held at 0930 on 10 January 1980 at CIA Headquarters, Langley, VA. Attending the meeting was:

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[redacted] Chairman
[redacted] Executive Secretary
Mr. Robert Cameron, Navy
Mr. Lynn Culkowski, Air Force
[redacted] CIA
[redacted] NSA
[redacted] DIA
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Mr. Jon Arbogast, FBI
Mr. John Cary, FBI
Mr. Edward Springer, DoE
Mr. James Studer, Army
Mr. Robert Graytock, Department of Justice
Mr. Eugene Epperly, OSD
[redacted] SECOM Staff
[redacted] NSA Consultant

2. The minutes of the 8 November 1979 meeting were reviewed, and were approved as written. The members were also provided advance copies of the 1979 annual report to the SECOM for review.

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3. [redacted] introduced [redacted] who will be the NSA representative to the DCID 1/16 Working Group. Mr. Arbogast introduced Mr. John Cary, who will be taking over as the FBI member to the Subcommittee.

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4. There was a brief discussion concerning the resolution of the DCID 1/11 issues; [redacted] had nonconcurred in the proposed SECOM revision because of the exclusion of explicit wording dealing with computers which are involved in communications. After consideration of the issues, the SECOM has chosen not to include the wording recommended by the Subcommittee. This decision appears to have been largely influenced by the desire to avoid any policy or jurisdictional conflicts with the newly-formed National COMSEC Board.

5. The next item of discussion was the rewrite of DCID 1/16. CIA, DIA, and DoE provided written responses to the Chairman's request for comments, observations, or desired changes. The Army member stated that the Army's position is concurrence with the DIA comments.

STAT [] elaborated on the DIA comments, particularly emphasizing the need for a better approach to the industrial security problem. He felt that the APEX program might provide some relief in this area, but will certainly not solve the problem completely. Thus, it will still need to be addressed by the Subcommittee. STAT [] stated that he would bring the Subcommittee's concerns in this area to the SECOM's attention at their next meeting. The subsequent general discussion focused primarily on several features desired of the revised document, primarily dealing with organization and classification, namely:

(1) The basic document should consist strictly of policy, with specific implementation guidelines as separate sections.

(2) The goal should be to have the basic document unclassified.

(3) The document must be flexible enough to allow ADP operations consistent with capabilities afforded by significant advances in technology.

STAT The discussion on this subject was concluded with a brief review of the plans for the DCID 1/16 Working Group, who will be responsible for implementing the drafts under the direction of the Subcommittee. The NSA member of the group will be [] will be the CIA member, and DIA will also provide an individual. The Chairman expressed a desire that the working group begin its work by early February 1980, and requested that they meet with him prior to that time.

STAT 6. [] provided status on the APEX program, stating that the White House approved the concept on 31 December 1979. The APEX Working Group will transition to the APEX Steering Committee, and is presently working on final corrections/changes to the Government and industrial security manuals. The DCI will be tasked to implement the program, apparently with approximately a three year schedule (although the date for "starting the clock" is as yet unknown). Appeals or problems will be forwarded to the NSC by cabinet officers. STAT [] expressed the opinion that no detailed work on the DCID 1/16 revision proceed without prior knowledge of APEX, and an understanding of its impact on the DCID and on the individual systems. He felt that most intelligence systems will be forced to operate in what is now the "compartmented mode". Since most of the members admitted to inadequate knowledge of the specifics of the APEX program, STAT [] agreed to provide the Subcommittee an update at the next meeting. STAT

STAT 8. The next meeting was scheduled for 0930 on 7 February 1980 at
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